



United States Department of the Interior  
Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs  
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
BIA-2020-00003

Dear Ms. Rock,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in which you requested, "All communications and memos between April 1 2019 and today, regarding "A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals" and All communications, dated between January 1 2019 and today, containing the non case-sensitive phrases "critical minerals" AND "climate change" OR "renewable energy."

Your request was referred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs FOIA Office for processing on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and assigned Request No. BIA-2020-00003. Please reference this number in any future communications regarding your request.

We have conducted a search for your documents and we did not locate any record that is responsive to your request.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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## Conclusion

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If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Brainard T. Singletary by phone at 703.390.6494 by email at [Brainard.Singletary@bia.gov](mailto:Brainard.Singletary@bia.gov) or by mail at IA-OCFO, 12220 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Va 20191.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. T. Singletary', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brainard T Singletary